



# Memories of Yesterday



George Barrell in his invaluable "Family Edition" of **THIRTY YEARS AT SEA** (1890) tells us how the material for the commanding landmark to Myles Standish was hauled up Captain's Hill:

"Yokes of oxen, that reached from the wharf half way up the hill, accomplished the work with their patient labor."

On his nostalgic visit to Duxbury in 1889, Barrell wished he could have witnessed "a first class northeast gale, and heard the roar of the sea against the beach, as of yore at our house, and far beyond it, the swell beating in the heaviest in the silence after the gale; and then the voice of the whip-poor-wills in contrast. These were worth hearing, worth knowing something about. In the large bedroom of our school, when the uproar had subsided, whip-poor-wills would sit upon the window-sills and sing, and bats fly about the room for a time, unknown to the slumberers."

He speaks of the pond next the John Alden house which he says was built in 1636 and was "the oldest house in the Commonwealth." The pond was "not a very nice one," but "we sailed boats upon it, sailed into it ourselves and went home with wet and mud up to our knees."

Wish we knew the old factory he refers to, "a variable ruin, with not a whole pane of glass in it, where there had been a bevy of satinet weavers, and all of them girls, I think." He adds there was a pond above this factory, "with the best of skating, and the creek below it, full of smelt and frost fish."

While in Duxbury he stayed at the Hollis House that overlooked the harbor. Augustus Sampson lived next door. He was an old-time shipbuilder "favorably known in the Duxbury and East Boston yards who had built clippers for the California and East India trades."

Thanks, George Barrell, for the memories.

## 4-H DEMONSTRATION

Seven Duxbury members attended Pomona Grange I. ham Grange I. was presented lectures of piano solos at 8 p.m. and journeyed to where a youth sent by the Juvenile commission, chairman committee presented in a sample officers were Pomona officers evening program and conducted ing, even to distinguished guests John Willis Duxbury 4-H thanked the Pomona officers of demonstration Duxbury 4-H then turned over to emcee M. presented demonstration of the 4 Priscilla Southa keesett Sheep Care of sheep on exhibit used in dockin carding. Penelope demonstration Old Curtain St. Calico Club performing a program prayed with wha